

Letter from

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No. ~~Bent~~ Bonner

on constitution of
Committee, etc



1895

Miss Mason

Bonner

The House of Education

Trubshawe

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Our dear Miss Mason -

Will you tell me whether this meeting on 13th is to be final in passing these new laws or whether it is only for discussion?

If it is expected or desired to pass any part of it really except the Central Principles, objects perhaps which are not new, (may be said to be already agreed to) I venture to protest against the scant time given to the Council to 1st consider properly the whole matter.

you must take into account that your ^{ilp4pneu18} Council must of work done - or because of the possession ^{ilp5pneu18} necessarily be composed of very busy people - (only of influence personal or social to be used very busy people are ever of any good) Time of year or merely because of general ability, then it is much illness also. - I have 2 little ill children Opinion is not only of value if a chance to a sick husband & am not the only distressed Meeting happens to bring it out, but is of Council Member just now - sufficient value to make it sought carefully.

2nd - to take private counsel with the other Members - (my friend certainly has vanished into its proper place & every means must be taken to get at the opinions of the various people who have accepted a place on the Council. but I should try & meet somebody even there time -)

3rd - to express themselves - (for many will not be at the Meeting & will just send a written opinion - 5 o'clock is an impossible hour for us ^{for others} always, so far from town, to 1st send these papers to & every one of the Members asking that each numbered clause be either passed or criticized?)

If however it is not so & this is a Meeting to discuss & ventilate for the humble to listen & the wise to suggest or the opposite - then I withdraw my protest - the result will be that many of the clauses will be ^{agreed to} passed at once by all - but that to many amendments will be suggested -

Altho' for from now I am going to suggest that 2nd move - take each criticized clause the Council should also only have a part before in succession & send it on its rounds with them ^{same as Ex. Com.} at once - If it is a real Council composed of true friends & supporters, chosen in consideration to vote for or against - votes decide -

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I hope dear Friend that you do not
consider me a combative person -
Put it down to indirect not objectiveness.
I have much to say about these rules -
but I don't want to waste time & stir
myself up to an intense interest if it is
really all a foregone conclusion & criticism
regarded as verifications - This depends upon
how far minds have been made up.

Mr. Barrer & I wish now to take our
names off the Central Council - This
does not mean very much. please do not
let it annoy you - but it alters its status
under the present arrangement.

So our minds the retiring from it -
3 years to be re-elected is disagreeable -

We ourselves never thought we were of
sufficient importance to be put on. I was
much surprised, but Lady Isabel so urged it
that after some questioning we gave in.

My idea of a central council is that its
members should be most carefully selected

I think they should all be people of
influence & ability - as much as possible
they should be known people - I should

like our dear Queen to be our Patron - where
are our King's daughters who are indeed among our
honorable women - I do know personally the Duke
& Duchess of Cornwall - I used to know him very well
but since my marriage I have rather been out of the Court

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Lake Road:

Ambleride.

Aug 6. 1895

Dear madam.

Re Scale Stow

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 3rd inst enclosing plans, for which I am obliged.

Before anything can be done, the question as to rental & term of lease should be agreed upon.

I have gone carefully into the matter & am prepared to carry out the addition on the following conditions viz:—

That the lease be extended to twenty years or from May Day next, to include the field known as Scale Stow now in the occupation of the late J. Bell's sons in addition to those portions of the Estate already included in the existing lease, at an annual

rental of £300 providing the
proposed addition does not exceed £1000.

Seeing that the above does not
represent 6% upon the whole of my
oullay & that I am forfeiting the
advantages I should derive from the
field, you will, I think agree with
me that this is a reasonable offer,
& which, I am afraid, in the course
I can under the circumstances substantiate.

yours faithfully.

W. MARK

I & you do not give your London address.
In the event of the field not being included I might
be prepared to carry out the subscription, providing you
were prepared to pay in addition to the present rental
a sum equal to 6% upon the outlay of each allotment,
& at the expiration of the seven years to pay an additional
£50 per annum for a further term of 13 years 10.11.
Mrs C. M. MARK

also an other little useful
sample if you have any good ones.

she is very clever + simple
like all true people - I fear
you have not time -

Your affec^{ate} friend
W. G. B.

My family are all poorly +
to am! - gloomy very.

I have hardly had time to
enjoy Pearl's holidays -

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too much business -

"Mother, always busy"
you see!!!

Your kind letter, without
explanation, gives all the exp.
there is to give - viz - none!

Of course I have been puzzled -
I go to see Ld. I. after several letters
in which she only speaks of financial
& executive reasons - purely official -
They sound reasonable - very -
Then I hear all this is being done
& it would seem that Ld. I. had not
been quite fairly represented - I go
& see her - we seemed in harmony on
all points & this new "club" seemed
like a daughter of her old Union -
so of course, I who know her working
strength & have before been helped by her
organizing power much coveted her in

such a position as unpaired head of the new Office where all her power would be used - so I wrote - to the effect that she told me it was not founded on all she required was done - as she herself spirit of opposition - told me she was in harmony with you. There being nothing whatever behind I begged her to return -

I then received such a queer note saying there was a real difference of opinion on matters of principle with you. This difference unstated - I felt I was right to appeal to you to ask what?

If it existed I felt we ought to know.

& now you cannot explain it! W. Porter. I have done it together - Some Dignity is of a gentle sort - not easily upset - Some the opposite -

Some people are not spoiled children & can bear an overthrow - some are not!

I like Edy I. & am sorry for her but I should have respected her more if she had had a real difference otherwise than what politicians call "animus" I wrote her several days ago that I

wished the Sesame (that success it would be sweet to have, as from what she told me it was not founded on

unknown to the members which was darkly hinted at, there is no possibility of change on our part whatever -

Your views, so far as they are expressed in P. R. & the Union are the views we held long before we ever knew you - I speak of general views & principles!

In methods of carrying out those views & in several smaller matters as well as on several educational points I am & so is W. Porter largely in debt to the Union -

We certainly do not intend to leave the Union - we never did - I made up my mind behind so that we were being tied to some hitherto unexplained principle such as the Physiology of Habit being the only point (it in your leaflet you did use

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some rather strong expression there)
we perhaps could not honestly have
remained on the Council - but I now see
your leaflet was not meant to run up
the entire object of the Union - it was
in answer to an alteration of objects which
excluded that thought or weakened it -
I am told the Ex. Com. know & care
little about edn. that they never attend
meetings & would not - etc -

Probably some truth there - ~~and~~ ^{now} it may
be better - still the fact remains
"unless above himself he can uplift himself
how poor a thing is - man!"

^{so much for the objectors}
cc - Hon Sec Dr. Geo. Southern Pr

I cannot do it - honestly I cannot -
You say too kind things of me! for!!
still I have done my small best - in
consequence we are too large - were we
20 members I still could - but -
Now I will not leave you & my work in the
church - & I will hold on & wait -
help will come! it is wanted!

I see you cannot - come to me - I wish you could
go & see Lady Louise Loder - 48 Cadogan Sq - she is
going to be a Mother very soon - our nice President -
Lady I. is trying to get her - & we must recognize she
does put things to people against D. H. Hall. Lady Louise said
no - not yet - send her a copy of your book - I'll pay for it -